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Remarks/Argument

Claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec 112, second paragraph as

being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject

matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner has indicated allowable subject matter in this application if this

rejection is overcome.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the overhead vapor stream and liquid

stream of the hot hydrogen stripper in step (c), thereby providing antecedent

basis to these features when they are mentioned in steps (d) and (e).

It is the position of the applicants that they claims, as now amended, are now in

condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the application be

passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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